

In re Application of:

Docket No.: 03500.013892

KEN SAKAKIBARA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/413,642

Examiner: C. Hewitt, II

Filed: October 6, 1999

Group Art Unit: 3621

For: DISTRIBUTED OFFICE SYSTEM AND  
MANAGEMENT METHOD THEREOF

Date: January 6, 2003

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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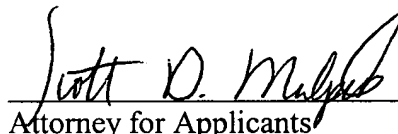
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                              |   |       |                                       |                  |                |                   |
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|  | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE           | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                | 39  | MINUS | 40                                    | = 0              | x \$9<br>\$18  | \$ -0-            |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                               | 3   | MINUS | 3                                     | = 0              | x \$43<br>\$86 | \$ -0-            |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 |   |       |                                       |                  |                |                   |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE<br>FOR THIS AMENDMENT---  |   |       |                                       |                  |                | \$ -0-            |

☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

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- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 30, 2003, the

Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: